

SANDUSKY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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Sandusky Community Schools District Annual Education Report (AER)

Cover Letter

January 4, 2017:

Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are pleased to present you with the Annual Education Report (AER) which provides key information on the 2015-16 educational progress for Sandusky Community Schools and our schools. The AER addresses the complex reporting information required by federal and some requirements of state laws. Our staff is available to help you understand this information. Please contact Superintendent Carmean for help if you need assistance (810-648-3400).

The DISTRICT AER is available for you to review electronically by visiting the district web site (www.Sandusky.k12.mi.us) site or you may review a copy in the main office at your child's school. On the District web site, click on Annual Education Reports under "quick links". Each school will also be communicating their own AER to parents directly.

These reports contain the following information:

Student Assessment Data – Includes the following three assessments: M-STEP (Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress), MI-Access (Alternate Assessment), and College Board SAT. Presents assessment information for English language arts and mathematics for grades 3 to 8 and 11, and science for grades 4, 7, and 11, compared to state averages for all students as well as subgroups of students. The report helps users to understand achievement performance within grades and schools, and to make comparisons to district, state, and national achievement benchmarks.

Accountability Scorecard – Detail Data and Status

The accountability portion of the AER includes assessment proficiency and participation rates, graduation or attendance rates, as well as accountability scorecard status.

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Teacher Qualification Data

- Identifies teacher qualifications at district and school levels
- Reports percentage of core academic classes taught by teachers not considered highly qualified to teach such classes

NAEP Data (National Assessment of Educational Progress)

- Provides state results of the national assessment in mathematics and reading every other year in grades 4 and 8

Review the table below listing our schools. For the 2016-17 year, no new Priority or Focus schools were named; some Priority or Focus schools did exit their status because they met the exit criteria. New Reward schools were identified using school rankings and Beating the Odds information. A Focus school is one that has a large achievement gap between the highest and lowest achieving 30% of schools. A Priority school is one whose achievement and growth is in the lowest 5% of all schools in the state. A Reward school is one that has achieved one or more of the following distinctions: top 5% of schools on the Top-to-Bottom School Rankings, top 5% of schools making the greatest gains in achievement (improvement metric), or "Beating the Odds" by outperforming the school's predicted ranking and/or similar schools. Some schools are not identified with any of these labels. In these cases no status label is given.

School Name <LIST ALL SCHOOLS>	Status Label	Key Initiative to Accelerate Achievement
Sandusky Elementary School	No status label	NWEA Testing (math and reading)
Sandusky Jr/Sr High School	No status label	

In conclusion, we are proud of our students, teachers, staff and administration at Sandusky Community Schools. We work hard to insure that our students are successful in every academic area.

Sandusky Elementary School staff have implemented the NWEA assessment for all students to help in identifying students reading and math levels. Through the Child Study Team, staff is able to discuss specific reading and math strategies for struggling students.

Sandusky Jr/Sr High School

If you have any questions about this report, or any other question or concern with anything at Sandusky Community Schools, please call, e-mail, or stop in and visit. Parents are always welcome to be involved in our schools. Ways to be involved include: MVPS

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(elementary parent group), Sandusky Athletic Boosters, and/ or Sandusky Alumni Foundation.

Sincerely,

Michael Carmean
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